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For: ALDEHYDE OXIDASE GENE DERIVED FROM PLANT AND
UTILIZATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 8-17 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

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18. An isolated aldehyde oxidase gene encoding an amino acid sequence of an enzyme capable of oxidizing an aldehyde compound to a carboxylic acid, and having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence

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